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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2003 and having no shortened statutory period set for reply. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.**FAX RECEIVED**

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